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The campus was one of just three universities recognized by the National Association of College and University Business Officers

The National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) has recognized the University of Minnesota Morris with a 2018 NACUBO Award. The campus earned one of NACUBO's first Excellence in Sustainability Awards.

The Process

NACUBO's annual awards honor individual and institutional excellence in higher education business and financial management. They were presented during several association events in 2018—most recently, the [NACUBO 2018 Annual Meeting](#).

"This year's annual meeting focused on how colleges and universities can creatively evolve while remaining anchored in mission, and we are proud to honor these meritorious awardees as clear examples of higher education's commitment to excellence and continuous improvement," said NACUBO President and CEO John Walda.

The Award

The Excellence in Sustainability Award honors excellence and innovation in sustainability leadership areas including finance, facilities, operations, environment, community, and climate.

Morris was noted for "transforming its rural area with clean energy initiatives both on campus and in its community."

The campus is powered by 70 percent renewable energy and is home to LEED Gold buildings, two wind turbines, a compost system that takes waste from the community's public K–12 schools, and more.

Morris was honored alongside the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Texas at Arlington.

"Higher education institutions like these 2018 honorees are making a vital and tangible difference in their communities," Walda added. "It is inspiring to see institutions excelling in sustainability and helping their regions to reap the benefits as well."

To learn more about the NACUBO Awards, visit nacubo.org.

About NACUBO

NACUBO, founded in 1962, is a nonprofit professional organization representing chief administrative and financial officers at more than 1,900 colleges and universities across the country. NACUBO works to advance the economic vitality, business practices, and support of higher education institutions in pursuit of their missions. For more information, visit nacubo.org.